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TAGS:XD#OVIP (SILVA, DR. ANTONIO)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY PUERTO RICAN OFFICIAL

FOR USDEL WPC

REF: STATE 184880

1. REFTTEL INFORMS US THAT MEMBER OF YOUR DELEGATION, ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY DR. ANTONIO SILVA, PLANS TO COME TO SOFIA SEPT 6

TO 8 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED
WITH FAMILY PLANNING. ANY MEMBER OF USDEL WPC WILL BE ES-
PECIALLY WELCOME HERE. HOWEVER, WHILE EMBASSY WILL EXTEND ALL
APPROPRIATE COURTESIES (AMBASSADOR UNFORTUNATELY WILL BE AT
PLOVDIV FAIR DURING PART OF CONTEMPLATED VISIT), WE SEE
PROBLEMS WITH THE TIMING.

2. ASIDE FROM FACT THAT BULGARIA HAS NO FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAM, DATES OF VISIT NOT FELICITOUS AS THEY ENVISAGE
ARRIVAL JUST BEFORE AN EXTRAORDINARILY LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND
(SEPT 9 AND 10 BEING BOTH NATIONAL HOLIDAYS HERE). TO
AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO ALL CONCERNED, SUGGEST USDEL
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TAKE UP CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBERS OF BULGARIAN DELEGATION

CONCERNED WITH ASPECTS OF FAMILY PLANNING TO SEE IF IT IS
REALISTIC TO SET UP PROGRAM FOR DR. SILVA SEPT 6-8.

3. EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE IN ANY EVENT BE PLEASED TO
MAKE DR. SILVA'S VISIT AS AGREEABLE AND PROFITABLE AS
POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF AMERICA DAY AT PLOVDIV
FAIR AND ENSUING WEEKEND MANY OF OUR LIMITED STAFF WILL
BE AWAY FROM SOFIA.
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